

REMARKS

As a preliminary matter, applicants appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter in claim 15.

Claims 14 and 16-18 stand rejected under § 103 on the basis of Serbutoviez et al. '469 and Matsuyama et al. '781. Independent claim 14 has been amended to overcome this rejection, and applicants traverse because neither reference, alone or in combination, discloses or suggests tilting liquid crystal molecules in part of a pixel region of a liquid crystal display panel utilizing a difference in the speed of response of the liquid crystal, as in amended claim 14.

Claim 14 has been amended to clarify the step of tilting liquid crystal molecules in part of the pixel region of the liquid crystal display panel utilizing difference in the speed of response of the liquid crystal before polymerizing the reactive monomer. The method of the invention includes the steps of fabricating a liquid crystal display panel whose speed of response of a liquid crystal varies depending on parts of a pixel region, tilting liquid crystal molecules in part of the pixel region of the liquid crystal display panel utilizing the difference in the speed of response of the liquid crystal, and polymerizing the reactive monomer when the liquid crystal molecules are tilted in part of the pixel region (see, the third mode for carrying out the invention, in particular, page 37, line 7 to page 38, line 25 of the Specification). By these steps, a different pre-tilt angle in part of the pixel region is imparted to the liquid crystal molecules, and therefore, an area having a different threshold voltage in part of the pixel region is formed.

On the contrary, Serbutoviez and Matsuyama, alone or in combination, fail to disclose or suggest the step of “tilting liquid crystal molecules in part of the pixel region of the liquid crystal display panel utilizing difference in the speed of response of the liquid crystal” as defined in amended claim 14. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of independent claim 14, and dependent claims 16-18, is respectfully requested.

For the foregoing reasons, applicants believe that this case is in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. The examiner should call applicants' attorney if an interview would expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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